

REMARKS

Claims 7-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and Claims 7-16 are added.

It is respectfully submitted that at least the feature of an interior trim panel comprising a substrate including a first surface, and an opposite, second surface substantially parallel to the first surface forming a thickness of the substrate therebetween, the first surface having a plurality of impressions formed therein along a plane of the first surface so as to create a corresponding number of projections extending outwardly from the second surface substantially perpendicular to the plane of the first surface, and a layer of material attached to projections of the substrate to form an I-beam structure that enhances the strength of the headliner, is not disclosed, taught or suggested in the prior art.

For at least this reason, Claims 7-16 define patentable subject matter. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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